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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

James E. McGowan, Jr.

Serial No. 09/826,420

Group Art Unit: To be assigned

Confirmation No. 5040

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For: MEDICAL ARTICLE STERILIZATION METHOD AND DEVICE

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on October 9, 2003.

The following remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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